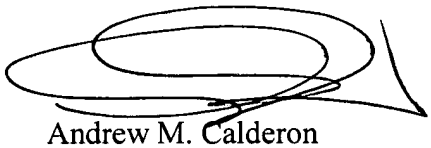
## REMARKS

Claims 27-48 are currently pending in the application. In response to the Non-compliant amendment, Applicants provide the claims and a status thereof. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused to the Examiner. Applicants submit this response now complies with U.S. patent practice.

The Examiner is requested to begin examination on the merits. Applicants hereby make a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

Respectfully submitted,



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